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58/271. Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2004–2005

*The General Assembly**Resolves that, for the biennium 2004–2005:*

1. Appropriations totalling 3,160,860,300 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section	Amount (Thousands of United States dollars)
<i>Part I. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination</i>	
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	58 504.4
2. General Assembly affairs and conference services	535 380.5
Subtotal	593 884.9
<i>Part II. Political affairs</i>	
3. Political affairs	239 595.4
4. Disarmament	18 048.2
5. Peacekeeping operations	86 124.2
6. Peaceful uses of outer space	5 484.4
Subtotal	349 252.2
<i>Part III. International justice and law</i>	
7. International Court of Justice	31 537.9
8. Legal affairs	38 707.5
Subtotal	70 245.4
<i>Part IV. International cooperation for development</i>	
9. Economic and social affairs	137 739.4
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	4 231.9
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	9 344.0
12. Trade and development	106 241.8

13. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	23 472.2
14. Environment	10 530.1
15. Human settlements	15 536.2
16. Crime prevention and criminal justice	9 392.8
17. International drug control	20 006.9
Subtotal	336 495.3
<i>Part V. Regional cooperation for development</i>	
18. Economic and social development in Africa	95 617.0
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	66 644.0
20. Economic development in Europe	50 196.8
21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 804.0
22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	52 480.4
23. Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 871.5
Subtotal	388 613.7
<i>Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs</i>	
24. Human rights	56 794.5
25. Protection of and assistance to refugees	56 731.9
26. Palestine refugees	33 851.8
27. Humanitarian assistance	23 292.3
Subtotal	170 670.5
<i>Part VII. Public information</i>	
28. Public information	155 869.9
Subtotal	155 869.9
<i>Part VIII. Common support services</i>	
29. Management and central support services	516 168.9
Subtotal	516 168.9
<i>Part IX. Internal oversight</i>	
30. Internal oversight	23 227.2
Subtotal	23 227.2
<i>Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses</i>	
31. Jointly financed administrative activities	22 990.2
32. Special expenses	79 455.1
Subtotal	102 445.3
<i>Part XI. Capital expenditures</i>	
33. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	58 651.3
Subtotal	58 651.3
<i>Part XII. Staff assessment</i>	
34. Staff assessment	382 270.7
Subtotal	382 270.7
<i>Part XIII. Development Account</i>	
35. Development Account	13 065.0
Subtotal	13 065.0
Total	3 160 860.3

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 125,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2004–2005 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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B

INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2004–2005

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2004–2005:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 415,291,800 United States dollars are approved as follows:

<i>Income section</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	<i>(Thousands of United States dollars)</i>
1. Income from staff assessment	386 491.7
2. General income	24 043.2
3. Services to the public	4 756.9
Total	415 291.8

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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C

FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2004

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2004:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 1,580,430,150 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 3,160,860,300 dollars approved for the biennium 2004–2005 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 76,909,100 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for the biennium 2002–2003 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 57/311 of 18 June 2003 and 58/267 A of 23 December 2003, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations,¹ as follows:

(a) 8,007,450 dollars, consisting of 14,400,050 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 2004–2005 under resolution B above, less 6,392,600 dollars, being the decrease in income other than staff assessment for the biennium 2002–2003;

(b) 1,649,331,800 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 213,298,950 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 193,245,850 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2004–2005 in resolution B above;

(b) 20,053,100 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2002–2003 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 58/267 B of 23 December 2003.

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58/272. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

The General Assembly,

I

Information and communication technology strategy

Recalling its resolution 57/304 of 15 April 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Information and communication technology strategy: implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/304 of 15 April 2003”,¹

Having also considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Managing information in the United Nations system organizations: management information systems”,² the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,¹ and welcomes the steps being taken to address all requests contained in its resolution 57/304;

2. *Reiterates* the need to indicate the return on investment for planned and proposed major projects in terms that are as quantitative as possible;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,² the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴

¹ A/58/377.

² See A/58/82.

³ See A/58/82/Add.1.

⁴ See A/58/389.

II

**Comprehensive review of the post structure
of the United Nations Secretariat**

Recalling its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001 and its decision 57/574 of 20 December 2002,

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁶

III

**Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute
for Disarmament Research**

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸

1. *Approves* the request for a subvention by the General Assembly of 227,600 United States dollars for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research for 2004 from the approved regular budget of the United Nations, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-ninth session on the continuing need for a subvention to the Institute, taking into account previous reports and any relevant decisions on the question of subventions;

IV

**Improving and modernizing the conference facilities
at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate
adequately major meetings and conferences**

Recalling its resolutions 55/222 of 23 December 2000, 56/242 of 24 December 2001 and 57/283 B of 15 April 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in

⁵ A/58/398.

⁶ See A/58/7/Add.5. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁷ A/C.5/58/3.

⁸ A/58/7/Add.4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁹ A/58/6 (Sect. 4). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences¹⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹

1. *Authorizes* the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;
2. *Decides* to appropriate related resources under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005,¹² to finance the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in the amount of 1,032,000 United States dollars as a charge against the contingency fund;
3. *Also decides* to approve the utilization of an amount of 1,020,000 dollars for the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, to be financed within the available balance of the construction-in-progress account;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the experience gained from operating the modernized conference facilities of the United Nations Office at Nairobi during the biennium 2006–2007;

V

Special political missions: estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council¹³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;¹³
2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,¹⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Decides* not to endorse the observation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 26 of its report;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further explore synergies and complementarities between various missions and other relevant entities of the United Nations in order to ensure efficiency and optimum use of resources and to report thereon in the context of future budget proposals on special political missions;

¹⁰ A/58/530.

¹¹ A/58/7/Add.6. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

¹² A/58/6 (Sect. 33). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

¹³ A/C.5/58/20.

¹⁴ A/58/7/Add.18. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to expand the treatment of larger missions with a view to providing a level of information similar to that contained in the proposed budgets of peacekeeping operations, taking into account relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

6. *Approves* a charge of 133,119,500 United States dollars for the 17 special political missions presented in table I, section II, of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁵ emanating from decisions taken or to be taken by the Security Council, against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;¹⁵

7. *Also approves* a further charge of 2,172,400 dollars for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 January to 4 February 2004, consequent to the adoption of resolution 58/275 of 23 December 2003, against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

8. *Further approves* a charge of 7,185,000 dollars for the three special political missions presented in table I, section I, of the report of the Secretary-General,¹³ emanating from decisions taken or to be taken by the General Assembly, against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

VI

Joint Inspection Unit

1. *Approves* the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2004 in the amount of 4,900,800 United States dollars;¹⁶

2. *Decides* to take action on the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2005 in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

VII

International Civil Service Commission

Approves a gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2004–2005 in the amount of 14,724,100 United States dollars;¹⁷

VIII

Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator

Approves the gross budget for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator for the biennium 2004–2005 in the amount of 86,375,800 United States dollars;¹⁶

¹⁵ A/58/6 (Sect. 3). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

¹⁶ See A/58/6 (Sect. 31) (for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*), A/58/528, and A/58/7/Add.11 (for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*).

IX

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the
Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2003¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁸
2. *Notes* that additional financial requirements for the meeting of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in the amount of 58,000 United States dollars are no longer required;
3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to review its decision 2003/264 of 23 July 2003 regarding the arrangement of the Social Forum, invites the Council, in this regard, to hold the Social Forum immediately before the sessions of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, and decides that the related resources of 12,800 dollars will be a charge against the contingency fund;
4. *Also invites* the Economic and Social Council to review its decision 2003/269 of 23 July 2003 with a view to examining the possibility that additional meetings of the Commission on Human Rights may not be required in connection with its sixtieth session, requests the Secretary-General to provide such conference services as might be required consequent to Council decision 2003/269, as reviewed, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the related expenditures in the context of his first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, and decides that an amount of 193,800 dollars shall be set aside in the contingency fund in the event that additional requirements arise from providing such services;

X

**Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff
Pension Fund**

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,¹⁹ the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board²⁰ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²¹

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the

¹⁷ A/C.5/58/10.

¹⁸ A/58/7/Add.8. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

¹⁹ A/58/214 and Corr.1.

²⁰ A/C.5/58/27.

²¹ A/58/7/Add.9 and A/58/7/Add.19. For the final texts, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund²² and on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;²³

2. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 80,770,800 United States dollars net for the biennium 2004–2005 and no change in the initial appropriation of 74,384,900 dollars net for the biennium 2002–2003 for the administration of the Fund;

3. *Also approves* an additional amount of 1,504,500 dollars above the level of resources set out in section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005²⁴ as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund;

4. *Authorizes* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2004–2005 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 dollars;

XI

Special political missions

Notes that an unallocated balance of 26,954,800 United States dollars remains against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions;²⁵

XII

Proposed programme budget for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Having considered the programme budget proposals for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO for the biennium 2004–2005²⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²⁷

Decides to approve resources in the amount of 23,472,200 United States dollars proposed for the biennium 2004–2005 under section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;²⁸

²² A/58/7/Add.9. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

²³ A/58/7/Add.19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

²⁴ A/58/6 (Sect. 1). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

²⁵ See A/C.5/58/33.

²⁶ A/58/6 (Sect. 13) and Add.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

²⁷ A/58/7/Add.7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

XIII

Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation²⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁹

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from recosting due to the effects of changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

XIV

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research³⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³¹

1. *Decides* to cancel the debt of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in respect of rent and maintenance charges in the amount of 321,184 United States dollars;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to rationalize the financial structure of the Institute, including through the possible application of a consistent programme support rate to the Special Purpose Grants Fund in order to bring it in line with the standard rate applied by the United Nations, and decides to revert to the question at its fifty-ninth session;

XV

Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Recalling its resolutions 56/242 of 24 December 2001 and 57/283 B of 15 April 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States³² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of

²⁸ A/58/528.

²⁹ A/58/7/Add.11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

³⁰ A/58/544.

³¹ A/58/7/Add.10. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

³² A/58/397.

regional and other major groupings of Member States³² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶ and notes in this regard that there would be no effect on the budget estimates of the United Nations;

XVI

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 11,314,500 United States dollars remains in the contingency fund;³³

XVII

Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

Recalling its resolutions 56/288 of 27 June 2002 and 57/292 of 20 December 2002,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)³⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁵

1. *Reiterates* paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/288, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of conference and support services to the Counter-Terrorism Committee without adversely affecting other conference services;

2. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 8,193,000 United States dollars to support the meeting requirements of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the biennium 2004–2005 in the programme budget as follows: 7,958,900 dollars under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services,³⁶ and 234,100 dollars under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services;³⁷

XVIII

Development Account

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Implementation of projects financed from the Development Account: third progress report",³⁸ and concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;⁶

³³ See A/C.5/58/34.

³⁴ A/C.5/58/23.

³⁵ A/58/7/Add.17. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

³⁶ A/58/6 (Sect. 2). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

³⁷ A/58/6 (Sect. 29D). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

³⁸ A/58/404.

XIX

**Additional expenditures deriving from inflation
and currency fluctuations**

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986;
2. *Notes* that the effects on the budget of inflation and currency fluctuations can be both positive and negative;
3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations³⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁶
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of establishing a reserve fund to utilize currency gains and to report thereon, through the Advisory Committee, to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

XX

**Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff
in the regional commissions**

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions⁴⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁶

XXI

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships;⁴¹

XXII

Capital master plan

Takes note of the first annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,⁴² the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the capital master plan for the period from January to July 2003,⁴³ the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan⁴⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴⁵

³⁹ A/58/400.

⁴⁰ A/58/403.

⁴¹ A/58/173.

⁴² A/58/599.

⁴³ A/58/342.

⁴⁴ A/58/321.

⁴⁵ A/58/7/Add.15. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

XXIII

**Administration and management of the Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights**

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights⁴⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴⁷

XXIV

**Administrative and financial implications of the decisions
and recommendations contained in the report of the
International Civil Service Commission for 2003**

Recalling its resolution 58/251 of 23 December 2003, entitled "United Nations common system", in particular section I.D concerning hazard pay,

Takes note of the statement of the Secretary-General⁴⁸ on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2003⁴⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.⁵⁰

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⁴⁶ A/58/569.

⁴⁷ A/58/7/Add.12. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁴⁸ A/58/378.

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/58/30)*.

⁵⁰ A/58/7/Add.2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.



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58/273. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2004–2005

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations¹ and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2004–2005 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2004–2005 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 330,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grant of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

¹ ST/SGB/2003/7.

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 500,000 dollars in the biennium 2004–2005 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for inter-organizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2004–2005, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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58/274. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2004–2005

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2004–2005 in the amount of 100 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 2004;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2004–2005 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/257 of 24 December 2001;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2002–2003 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2004–2005;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 58/273 of 23 December 2003 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities, which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2004–2005, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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